

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 709

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A RESOLUTION to recognize State Trooper Steve Mackie on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, State Trooper Steve Mackie is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-four years in the field of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Mackie, born and raised in Monterey, is the son of Ralph Mackie and the late Nell Mackie, and he has dedicated his career to serving and protecting the citizens of his community; and

WHEREAS, as a child, he listened to the many law enforcement stories imparted to him by his grandfather, Carlen Sisco, a sheriff's deputy; enthralled by his grandfather's tales, Steve Mackie decided early on to pursue law enforcement as a career; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Mackie embarked on that career by serving as a dispatcher for the Tennessee Highway Patrol in Knoxville in 1973; he later worked with the Cookeville Police Department, the Carthage Police Department, the Tennessee Tech Police, the Monterey Police Department, and the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Enforcement Agency before returning to the Tennessee Highway Patrol as a Trooper in 1983; and

WHEREAS, learning his craft at the feet of the legendary Cookeville Police Chief Bill Bilyeu and Monterey Police Chief George Stamps, Trooper Mackie has seen numerous changes in law enforcement, from the equipment he carried to the perception of the public for members of law enforcement; through these many changes, he has remained dedicated to the honor of his profession, helpful to all in need, and respected by many in his community; and

WHEREAS, he remains firm in his belief that law enforcement officials, who gain the attention of the general public, should hold themselves to the highest of standards, a testament to the unwavering commitment to excellence he has exhibited each and every day as a law enforcement official; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Steve Mackie exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Debbie, and his four children, Stacy Farley, John Mackie, and twins Jeff and Jeremy, nicknamed "Kerosene" and "Gasoline"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Trooper Steve Mackie has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Steve Mackie our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, our deepest gratitude for the thirty-four years of service he has given to the citizens of Tennessee, and our hopes for his continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.